

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2242  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2022**

**HEALTH SCHEMES FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE**

**2242. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the health schemes covering the homeless people and the people living along roadside and under the bridges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof stating number of such people covered/benefitted under the said schemes during the last five years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the initiatives proposed to be taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare facilities. Support is provided to states/UTs under the National Health Mission (NHM) for strengthening of health care facilities as per norms based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) and within their overall resource envelope. Under NHM, States are supported for several interventions towards strengthening the primary healthcare services in the country. The NHM envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality health care services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs. Further, under NHM, several steps have been taken for making treatment affordable for poor including homeless people and the people living along roadside and under the bridges and reducing the out-of-pocket expenses.

- **Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs):** 1,50,000 Sub-Health Centres (SHC), Primary Health Centres (PHC) and Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHC) are transformed into Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) to deliver twelve packages of Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which is universal, free and close to the community.
- **National Free Drugs Initiative:** States/UTs are supported to provide essential drugs based on the level of public health facilities free of cost to all who access these facilities.
- **Free Diagnostics Initiatives. (FDI):** Under the initiative, support provided to States/UTs to provide a set of essential diagnostics (14 tests at Sub Centre/ Health and

Wellness Centre level, 63 tests at PHC/ PHC-HWC level, 97 tests at CHC level, 111 tests at SDH level and 134 tests at DH level) at various levels of care, free of cost.

- **National Ambulance Services (NAS)** - Under the NHM, technical and financial support is provided for emergency medical services in States/UTs through a functional National Ambulance Service (NAS) network linked with a centralised toll-free number 108/102.
- **National Mobile Medical Units (NMMU)** – are supported to facilitate access to public health care at the doorstep particularly to people living in remote, difficult, under-served and unreachd areas to provide primary care services.
- The **Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)** promotes institutional delivery among pregnant women especially with weak socio-economic status i.e. women from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and BPL households.
- Further, initiatives such as **Mission Parivar Vikas, Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics (AFHCs), Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFS), Menstrual Hygiene Scheme, Facility Based Newborn Care (FBNC), Home Based Newborn Care Program, Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS), Home Based Care for Young Child (HBYC), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Early Childhood Development (ECD), Comprehensive Abortion Care (CAC), Anemia Mukh Bharat (AMB) strategy, Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) program** are supported to increase access to quality healthcare services. Support is also provided to strengthen **Universal Immunization programme**, introduction of new vaccines.
- In addition to NHM, **Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**, provides health coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families in the country as per Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC).